Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities'. The assistance includes honorarium for teachers engaged by NGOs. The Ministry of Human Resource Development provides assistance to State Governments under 'Scheme of Integrated Education of Disabled Children'. Teachers for the purpose are recruited following the normal recruitment procedure of the State Government concerned, which is not the case in the 'Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities'.

As the two schemes are different, their norms for financial assistance cannot be compared.

Rehabilitation of mentally ill persons

†2550. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that large number of mentally ill persons are not being accepted by their families even after getting cured; and

(b) the number of such persons alongwith the schemes being formulated by Government for their subsistence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Information is being collected.

Talent upgradation of tribal students in M.P.

†2551. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY:
SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under talent upgradation scheme for tribal students in Madhya Pradesh total 172 awards are fixed wherein 43 awards each are given from class 9th to 12th;

(b) whether it is a fact that in view of the tribal population in the State Shese awards are very few in number;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether a proposal for 425 awards has been sent to Government instead of 172 awards fixed by the State Government; and

(d) if so, by when the State Government would be given consent accordingly?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Under the scheme of Upgradation of Merit a total number of 4x370= 1480 awards have been distributed among all the concerned States on the basis of the tribal population of the respective States. In accordance with this, a total of 172 awards have been allocated of the State Government to Madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d) No proposal for 425 awards has been received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh. A Proposal for 552 awards was sent by the State Government in March, 2002. On the basis of population, however, only 172 awards could be sanctioned. There is no proposal to increase the number of awards.

Scheme for tackling problems of tribals in the country

2552. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to tackle the problem of increasing tribals in the different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) There is no problem of increasing tribals in the country and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has, therefore, not formulated any specific scheme. Various social sector and infrastructure development programmes and schemes are, however, being implemented by different sectoral Ministries, which also benefit tribal areas and people. In addition to these, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs implemented several Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Programmes specifically for the socio-economic development of the tribal people in the country.